

in the Special Award Conditions of the grant or cooperative agreement.

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#### § 307.5 Purpose and scope.

The University Center technical assistance program is designed to help improve the economies of distressed areas. It helps institutions of higher education (or other applicants) use their own and other resources to address the economic development problems and opportunities of areas served.

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#### § 307.6 Application evaluation criteria.

EDA selects University Center projects for grant awards according to the general application evaluation criteria set forth in part 304 of this chapter and the extent, as appropriate, the project:

- (a) Has the commitment of the highest management levels of the sponsoring institution;
- (b) Provides evidence of adequate non-Federal financial support, either from the sponsoring institution or other sources;
- (c) Outlines activities consistent with the expertise of the proposed staff, the academic programs, and other resources available within the sponsoring institution;
- (d) Documents past experience of the sponsoring institution in operating technical assistance programs; and
- (e) Balances the geographic distribution of University Centers across the country. Only the Assistant Secretary has the authority to approve the selection for grant assistance of a University Center that has not received University Center assistance for the previous year.

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#### § 307.7 Award and grant rate requirements.

- (a) EDA will provide assistance for the period of time required to complete the project scope of work, generally not to exceed twelve months.
- (b) If the project is regional in scope, EDA may determine that the require-

ment that public or private nonprofit organizations must act in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State is satisfied by the nature of the project;

(c) Financial reports, progress reports and project products will be specified in the Special Award Conditions of the grant or cooperative agreement.

(d) Grant rate:

(1) The maximum Federal grant rate for a project under this subpart is:

(i) 50 percent, or

(ii) 75 percent, if the project is not feasible without, and merits, a reduction or waiver of the non-Federal share.

(2) A project is eligible for a supplemental grant increasing the Federal share up to and including 75 percent when the applicant is able to demonstrate that:

(i) It cannot provide the non-Federal share otherwise required because in the overall economic situation there is a lack of available non-Federal share due, for instance, to the pressing demand for its use elsewhere;

(ii) The project is addressing major causes of distress in the area serviced and requires the unique characteristics of the applicant, which will not participate in the program if it must provide all or part of a 50 percent non-Federal share; or

(iii) The project is for the benefit of local, State, regional, or national economic development efforts, and will be of no or only incidental benefit to the recipient.

(3) A project awarded under this subpart is not eligible for additional Federal grant assistance under the table in § 301.4(b) or the provisions of § 301.4(d) of this chapter, i.e., the 10 percent incentive increase for certain projects in districts.

(e) Direct costs: At least 80 percent of EDA funding must be allocated to direct costs of program delivery.

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#### § 307.8 Post-approval requirements.

Financial reports, progress reports, and project products will be specified

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### **Subpart C—National Technical Assistance, Training, Research, and Evaluation**

#### **§ 307.9 Purpose and scope.**

(a) The purposes of National Technical Assistance, Training, Research, and Evaluation projects are:

(1) To determine the causes of excessive unemployment, underemployment, outmigration or other problems indicating economic distress in areas and regions of the Nation;

(2) To assist in formulating and implementing new economic development tools and national, State, and local programs that will raise employment and income levels and otherwise produce solutions to problems resulting from the above conditions;

(3) To evaluate the effectiveness and economic impact of programs, projects, and techniques used to alleviate economic distress and promote economic development, and

(4) To assist in disseminating information about effective programs, projects and techniques that alleviate economic distress and promote economic development.

(b) EDA may during the course of the year, identify specific national technical assistance, training, research or evaluation projects it wishes to have conducted. Ordinarily, EDA specifies these projects in a NOFA, which also provides the appropriate point of contact and address.

(c) National technical assistance, research, training, and evaluation funds may not be used to start or expand a private business.

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#### **§ 307.10 Application evaluation criteria.**

EDA selects projects for national technical assistance, training, research or evaluation grant awards according to the general application evaluation criteria set forth in part 304 of this chapter and the extent, as appropriate, the project:

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(a) Does not depend upon further EDA or other Federal funding assistance to achieve results;

(b) Strengthens the capability of local, State, or national organizations and institutions, including nonprofit economic development groups, to undertake and promote effective economic development programs targeted to people and areas of distress;

(c) Benefits severely distressed areas;

(d) Helps to diversify distressed economies; and

(e) Demonstrates innovative approaches to stimulating economic development in distressed areas.

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#### **§ 307.11 Award and grant rate requirements.**

(a) EDA will provide assistance for the period of time required to complete the project scope of work. Normally, this does not exceed twelve months.

(b) If the project is regional or national in scope, EDA may determine that the requirement that public or private nonprofit organizations must act in cooperation with officials of a political subdivision of a State is satisfied by the nature of the project;

(c) Grant rate:

(1) The maximum Federal grant rate for a project under this subpart is:

(i) 50 percent, except as supplemented as provided in § 301.4(b); or

(ii) Up to and including 100 percent, if the project is not feasible without, and merits, a reduction or waiver of the non-Federal share required under the rate provided in § 301.4(b) of this chapter.

(2) A project is eligible for a supplemental grant increasing the Federal share up to and including 100 percent when the applicant is able to demonstrate that:

(i) The project is addressing major causes of distress in the area serviced and requires the unique characteristics of the applicant, which will not participate in the program if it must provide all or part of a 50 percent non-Federal share; or

(ii) The project is for the benefit of local, State, regional, or national economic development efforts, and will be